

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7551–S7679

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1273–1287 and S. Con. Res. 42. Pages S7590–91

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2000”. (S. Rept. No. 106–85)

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 105th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 106–86)

S. 1282, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106–87)

S. 1283, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106–88)

S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–89)

S. 734, entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 1999”, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–90)

S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–91)

S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. (S. Rept. No. 106–92)

S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–93)

S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land

within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–94)

S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–95)

S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy. (S. Rept. No. 106–96)

H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project. (S. Rept. No. 106–97)

S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository. (S. Rept. No. 106–98)

H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas.

S. 768, to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S7589–90

Agriculture Appropriations, FY2000: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7573–74

Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 737, to prohibit arbitrary limitation or conditions for the provision of services and to ensure that medical decisions are not made without the best available evidence or information. Page S7573

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a

vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, June 28, 1999. **Page S7579**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, June 28, 1999.

Transportation Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1143, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Page S7579**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, June 28, 1999. **Page S7579**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7579**

Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1217, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Page S7579**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, June 28, 1999. **Page S7579**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7579**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1234, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Page S7579**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, June 28, 1999. **Page S7579**

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Motion To Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, the following also occurred:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 183), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S7574**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for the period August 19, 1998 through February 19, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40). **Page S7589**

Transmitting the report of the protocol amending the agreement for cooperation concerning civil uses of atomic energy between the United States and Canada; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM- 41). **Page S7589**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Evelyn Simonowitz Lieberman, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. **Page S7679**

Messages From the President: **Page S7589**

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Text of S. Res. 113 as Previously Agreed To: **Pages S7650-51**

Text of S. Con. Res. 39 as Previously Agreed To: **Page S7650**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—7) **Page S7574**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—183) **Page S7574**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, June 28, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7679.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States

agricultural trade goals and related objectives of the forthcoming round of global trade negotiations, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1282) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000;

An original bill (S. 1283) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, after receiving testimony from Craig Elwell, Specialist in Macroeconomics, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Stephen Bryen, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association, and Richard T. Cupitt, University of Georgia/Center for International Trade and Security, both of Washington, D.C.; Kyle H. Seymour, Cincinnati Machine/UNOVA Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Association for Manufacturing Technology; Andrew Whisenhunt, Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Little Rock, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Karen Murphy, Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International.

PROPOSED BP AMOCO/ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY MERGER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the implications of the proposed acquisition of the Atlantic Richfield Company by BP Amoco, PLC, after receiving testimony from Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Alaska State Senator Bruce Botelho, Juneau; Andrew E. Aubertine, Oregon Department of Justice, Salem; Alaska State Senator Drue Pearce, and Bill Allen, VECO Corporation, both of Anchorage,

Alaska; Mike R. Bowlin, Atlantic Richfield Company, Los Angeles, California; Richard L. Olver, BP Amoco, London, United Kingdom; John H. Lichtblau, Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc., New York, New York; Robert E. Ebel, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Dale R. Lindsey, Harbor Enterprises, Inc., Petersburg, Alaska, on behalf of the Petersburg Energy; and James W. Winters, United Energy, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

NO_x EMISSION REDUCTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's NO_x/State Implementation Plan Call under the Clean Air Act, to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides in order to decrease the transport of ozone across state boundaries, after receiving testimony from Maine State Senator Sharon A. Treat, Gardiner; F. Wayne Hill, Gwinnett County Board of Commission, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Mayor Thomas Nye, Hamilton, Ohio; Russell J. Harding, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing; and Jane Stahl, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Hartford.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to extend the allowance of Medicare-eligible military retirees to receive Medicare-covered services under the Department of Defense health plan until December 31, 2001, and to authorize a fee-for-service model under the subvention demonstration for military retirees.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Richard C. Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, after the nominee further testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROL/DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND LAUNCH CAPABILITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine U.S. satellite export control policy and the domestic production/launch capability, after receiving testimony from Eric D. Newsom, Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration;

Franklin C. Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; Thomas A. Corcoran, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland; and Thomas W. Watts, Merrill Lynch, New York, New York.

DC COLLEGE ACCESS ACT/HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DC STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and S. 856, to provide greater options for District of Columbia students in higher education, after receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; Representative Thomas Davis; District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; Maureen A. McLaughlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Post-Secondary Education; and Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Lucio A. Noto, Mobil Corporation, on behalf of the District of Columbia College Access Program, Julius F. Nimmons, Jr., University of the District of Columbia, and Patricia A. McGuire, Consortium of Universities of the Metropolitan Washington Area, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas;

S. 768, to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Keith P. Ellison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Gary Allen Feess, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, W. Allen Pepper, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Karen E. Schreier, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and Stefan R. Underhill, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, July 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2335–2361, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 853, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitigation of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when there is an on-budget surplus, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 106–198, Part 1); and

H. Res. 221, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1802, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding

and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency (H. Rept. 106–199).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Calvin V. French of Washington, D.C.

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Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration: The House passed H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States by a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 124 noes, Roll No. 252. The House completed general debate on June 23.

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Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to propose

the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States: "Not inconsistent with the first article of amendment to this Constitution, the Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" by a ye and nay vote of 115 yeas to 310 nays, Roll No. 251.

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H. Res. 217, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to on June 23.

Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hyde, Sensenbrenner, Goodlatte, Conyers, and Lofgren from the Committee on the Judiciary and Representatives Bliley, Oxley, and Dingell from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of section 18 of the Senate amendment.

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Agreed to the Conyers motion to instruct conferees to ensure that their eventual report to the House reflects due regard for the substantive concerns of the high-technology community and the possible implications of the "y2k" date change on that community and on the Nation's economy; the substantive inputs of the Administration and of the bipartisan Leaderships in the Congress on the issues committed to conference; and the sense of the House that a decision not to follow this process will lead to a failure to enact legislation by a ye and nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 253.

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Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures by a recorded vote of 375 yeas to 48 noes, Roll No. 255.

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Agreed to a Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Hyde amendment that clarifies that the provisions of the bill apply to civil asset forfeitures not criminal asset forfeitures.

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Rejected:

The Paul substitute amendment to the Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to specify that no property may be forfeited under any civil asset forfeiture law unless the property's owner has first been convicted of the criminal

offense that makes the property subject to forfeiture; and

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The Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create general rules relating to civil forfeiture proceedings and require the United States to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the property is subject to forfeiture (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 254).

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Withdrawn:

The Meek of Florida amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to permit civil asset forfeiture for any conveyance used in alien smuggling.

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H. Res. 216, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Civil Uses of Atomic Energy Between the U.S. and Canada: Message wherein he transmitted his text of a proposed Protocol Amending the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy Between the government of the United States and Canada—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-84); and

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Export Administration Act: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency declared with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-85).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4829.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4913-53.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4841, H4843-44, H4851, H4876, and H4878. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the

final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt and Green of Wisconsin; Jesse Ventura, Governor, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—SECURITY PROBLEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the security problems at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Warren B. Rudman, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

COUNTERPARTY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY GROUP STUDY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on a Study Released by The Counterparty Risk Management Policy Group. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DATA SERVICES DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, held a hearing on Deployment of Data Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT EXAMINATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Examining the Bilingual Education Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMMUNITY RESOLUTIONS; DO TIGHTER SECURITY ADVOCATES FACE INTIMIDATION?

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maureen B. Neuberger United States Post Office."

The Committee approved resolutions to Grant Immunity to Maria Mapili, Reynaldo Mapili and Charles T. Chiang.

The Committee held a hearing on Retaliation at the Departments of Defense and Energy: Do Advo-

cates of Tighter Security for U.S. Technology Face Intimidation? Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania; Lt.Col. Edward McCallum, Director, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Leitner, Senior Strategic Trade Adviser and Michael Maloof, Chief, Technology Security Operations, both with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and Jonathan Fox, Arms Control Specialist, Defense Special Weapons Agency.

The Committee also met in executive session on this subject. Testimony was heard from Robert Henson, Physicist, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Department of Energy.

FRANCHISING OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on franchising; the franchise relationship, mutual rights and obligations of franchisees and franchisors, and assessing the need for more regulation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble, LaFalce and Dickey; and public witnesses.

PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the Report of the U.S. Copyright Office on Copyright and Digital Distance Education; and Intellectual Property Security Registration. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. SECRET SERVICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the United States Secret Service. Testimony was heard from Brian Stafford, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury.

NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT; OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants. Testimony was heard from Henri Bisson, Assistant Director,

Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Robert Lewis, Deputy Chief, Research and Development, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RESTRUCTURED ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Role of the Power Marketing Administration's in a Restructured Electric Industry. Testimony was heard from James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses,

FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999. The rule further provides 20 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce.

The rule waives clause 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule also waives clause 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

Additionally, the rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representa-

tives Johnson of Connecticut, Buyer, Cardin, and Thompson of California.

WHY ARE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES VULNERABLE?

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Federal Agencies Under Attack: Why Are Government Websites Vulnerable? Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Michael Jacobs, Deputy Director, Information Systems Security, NSA, Department of Defense; and Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, GAO.

PRIME ACT; LOAN PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 413, PRIME ACT.

The Committee also held a hearing on proposed amendments to the 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

TRADE SANCTIONS—PENALIZE SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on "Do Unilateral Economic Trade Sanctions Unfairly Penalize Small Business?" Testimony was heard from Representative Crane; and public witnesses.

HOMELESS VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the effectiveness of federal grants to community based organizations with regard to homeless veterans. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Associate Director, Veterans Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; Espiridion A. Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Fred Karnas, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs Assistance Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WORLD DEVELOPMENTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on World Developments: A Global Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

Y2K ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, June 29.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Risky Business in the Op. Sub.: How the OCC Dropped the Ball, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Monday, June 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1233, Agriculture Appropriations, with a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon to occur at 5:30 p.m., followed by votes on motions to close further debate on motions to proceed to S. 1143, Transportation Appropriations, S. 1217, Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations, and S. 1234, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 25

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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